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ANY OPEN QUARRY IN SALT CREEK VICINITY

PERIOR QUALITY OF ROCK FOR ROAD PURPOSES SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND THERE.

TRANS MOVING OF QUARRY

Chinery at Lee Quarry Will Be Moved After Work There Is Completed; Court to Distribute Road Work Throughout County; Gravel Supply Is Problem.

For some time the county court has been investigating promising deposits in the Salt Creek vicinity with the idea of finding something that would meet the requirements for good road building. It was thought inadvisable and expensive to haul rock from the old quarry for use in the extension of the road improvement work at that locality, but several investigations which the county commissioners have undertaken have been satisfactory; the different samples tested having failed to meet all the requirements thought necessary in the best formation for road work.

This week, however, Road Supervisor Middleton brought to the office of Judge Teal a sample of rock which it is believed meets every requirement, and it will be submitted to the commissioners for their inspection. In the event that it is decided to use this rock, it is stated that it can be secured at a quarry adjacent to the proposed work, and that much money in hauling charges will be eliminated and placed on the extension of the road work.

To Move Crusher.
Half it shall be decided that a good quality of rock can be found in the Salt Creek neighborhood, it is probable that the crusher which is now located at the Lee quarry southwest of the city, will be moved to that point as soon as the proposed work is finished. The court plans to do considerable work in the Lee neighborhood and it is probable that the crusher will not be moved until the middle of the season.

The policy of the present court, as announced by Judge Teal, is not to expend the county road funds in any other locality to the detriment of all others, but a consistent effort will be made to distribute the work throughout the county and give every section some benefit. "There are many roads that need improvement," said the Judge yesterday, "and the court is going to do the best possible for all sections. We do not intend to expend all the funds on one piece of road, but will distribute it where it will do the most good and then continue the work next year."

To Let All By Contract.
It is also the policy of the present court, according to Judge Teal, to let all jobs for road work, including rock crushing and hauling, by contract, as it is believed that in this way can be the best results be secured, at less expense to the property owners and the funds available made go much further, than under the present system of days' work.

Nothing has yet been done regarding gravel for this year. As usual the court is experiencing much trouble in this regard and the final outcome is problematical. A few weeks ago a tentative proposition was received from parties who were about to install gravel bunkers near Independence which, if successful, would have insured cheaper gravel for county roads than has yet been secured. Recently Judge Teal has been informed by parties connected with these bunkers, that they would soon be in position to quote prices and make delivery of such gravel as the county might desire and it is hoped that some arrangements along that line may be made soon. It is declared that clean and well-sorted river gravel is much superior to some of the crushed rock that has heretofore been used on the county roads, and a generous supply of it could be secured at attractive prices. It is questionable whether the rock crushing facilities would be employed to their capacity. However, this is a question which the future alone must decide.

To Represent Chautauqua Company.
Rev. E. W. Miles has closed a contract with the Ellison-White Chautauqua company whereby he will act as the business agent of the company during the summer. His territory will extend from California to Billings, Montana. This is the company which recently closed a deal with the Dallas Commercial club to hold a six-weeks' session here.

TO URGE CANNERY PLAN

Manager Peterson, of Armsby Company to Take Up Idea With Head Officers During San Francisco Visit.

A. C. Peterson, superintendent of the Armsby Packing company, left yesterday for San Francisco, where he will remain for about three weeks on business, and visit relatives at his former home. J. C. Tracy, his assistant, who has been at Portland and other points on business, is expected to return in time to take Mr. Peterson's place at the plant. Mr. Peterson expects to take up the matter of a canning plant with the head officers of the Armsby company while in San Francisco, and urge the importance of a cannery in connection with their prune packing business.

FIRST TEST COMES SATURDAY

DALLAS HIGH TO MEET McMINNVILLE IN DALLAS.

Strength of Home Team Yet Undetermined; Hope to Excel in Base Running and Field Work.

According to arrangements made this week with the management of the McMinnville High School baseball team, the strength of the new Dallas High School team will be put to the initial test for the season Saturday (tomorrow) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The game will be played on the college campus, which has been under preparation for some time and is nearing perfect condition, say those who are interested in the national game and have been at work on the grounds.

No measure can be taken of the two teams who will open the season in Dallas, but it is safe to say that the home team has a stronger aggregation than that of last year, although there are few changes in the personnel. Barham and Herzog will appear in the initial game on the slab and receiving ends, Woods will be at short, Boydston has been assigned as guardian of the initial sack, and Lockman and Pritchard will attend to the other bases. Matheny will be in left field, Cadle at center and Heister at right.

The rainy weather has prevented the team from becoming familiar with the bat and, if they prove weak, it is thought that it will be on this account. Their advantage will be in their physical condition, having been hardened by basket ball work during the entire winter, and it is expected that the home team will excel at base running, if they outpoint the Yamhillers at all.

Dallas will depend upon a collection to pay for the entertainment of the visitors and the expense necessary to bring them to Dallas.

TO EMPLOY COUNTY BANDS

Outside Talent to be Used During Field Day Contests in Dallas.

Carrying out the idea to employ bands of the county to furnish music in Dallas during the field day contests on May 17, arrangements are now under way to secure the Airline band for the occasion, according to advices received by the Dallas band this week. The Dallas organization cannot accept the invitation to join in the contest which occurs on Saturday, because many of the members will be busy in their places of business, but will perhaps give a short program in the evening, giving the other bands of the county an opportunity to carry on the contest. There are four or five bands in the county, and it is thought that outside the home band, all will enter the contest.

This program, should it be carried out, will add much to the pleasures of the day, furnishing an abundance of music, along with the sports of the occasion.

STANDARD LIST INCREASES.

Enterprise School in District No. 42 Gains Necessary Points.

Enterprise school, in district No. 42, has become standard, according to announcement of County Superintendent H. C. Seymour. The teacher is Miss Ella Mehring, and the board consists of G. A. Woods, A. T. Nairn, with F. J. Bissell, clerk. The school census of the district is 28, and the assessed valuation \$140,260. The district has a special tax levy of .2 of a mill.

Popcorn District, Too.

Superintendent Seymour announces that the Popcorn school in district No. 36, has also become standard. The board consists of F. W. Wilson, L. D. Gibson, C. A. Clark, with E. E. Pearce as clerk and Miss Beulah Clark, teacher. The population of the district is 21 school children, and the valuation is \$88,990 and there is a special levy of five mills.

ALLEGES DAMAGES IN SUM OF \$5,000

POLK COUNTY TEACHER SUES SCHOOL BOARD FOR CIRCULATION OF ALLEGED SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS.

INCOMPETENCY IS CHARGED

Miss Letitia Shewey Begins Action in Polk County Circuit Court Against Directors and Patrons in Concord School District No. 50; Old Deed Is Filed.

Alleging that her reputation as a teacher has been damaged to the extent of \$5,000, Miss Letitia Shewey, a Polk county teacher, has begun an action in department No. 1, of the Polk county circuit court against the directors of school district No. 50, according to papers filed Tuesday by her attorneys, L. D. Brown, H. H. Belt and Oscar Hayter. Her specific charge against the directors and others in the district, is based upon a peremptory demand for her resignation as teacher, dated early in February, in which general incompetency is alleged.

In the complaint, J. Bowles, Alice M. Bowles, Jacob Van Well, H. Van Well, Godfrey Beck, A. Bahler, H. Schulson and J. Schulson are made the defendants.

Allegations of Complaint.

According to the complaint, Miss Shewey entered into a contract to teach the school in the Concord district, Polk county, and was to receive therefor the sum of \$50 per month. It is stated, further, "that said defendants, on or about the 10th day of February, 1913, for the purpose of injuring the reputation of said plaintiff in her profession as a teacher, and for the purpose of bringing said plaintiff into contempt and ridicule before the public, did falsely, maliciously and wrongfully compose and publish these false, scandalous and defamatory words of and concerning said plaintiff, as follows, to-wit: 'Concord School District No. 50, February 10, 1913: Miss Letitia Shewey: We, the undersigned, board of directors and patrons of school district No. 50, request your resignation as teacher of our school on the grounds of general incompetency as a teacher, said resignation to take effect immediately.' Signed by the school board and a number of patrons of the district."

Reputation Harmed.
"That said statements and accusations were known to be false, by the defendants," relates the complaint, "and that by reason of the said false, scandalous and defamatory publication, said plaintiff has suffered and does now suffer in mental anguish and humiliation, and has been injured in her reputation as a teacher to her damage in the sum of \$5,000."

Wherefore plaintiff asks judgment from the court in the sum of \$5,000, and for the costs and disbursements of the action.

Old Deed Filed.

Made and executed in 1860, and since reposing safely in somebody's strong box, a deed yellow with age, was presented for recording to County Clerk Asa B. Robinson, Jr., this week. The instrument conveys certain lands from John D. Bounds to James O. Davidson, and the consideration thereof is \$100. It was acknowledged before Stephen Staats, justice of the peace in and for Polk county, Oregon, Feb. 20, 1860, and the land which it transferred is described as follows: "Situated in river lot No. 5, being the fractional west one-half of the southwest quarter of section seven, township nine north, range three west." All of the principals to the transaction have long since passed away.

It is related that, in the old days, farmers frequently purchased small tracts near the river in order to supply themselves with wood for fuel, and it is supposed that this deed was executed for a tract of this kind.

TO PLAY PERRYDALE TODAY.

Manager Wilson, of the high school baseball team, will today take his "babies" to Perrydale by auto and find the weak spots of his players, as well as those of the opponents in the first game of the year. Nothing is known of Perrydale high this year, but their willingness to meet the Dallas athletes indicates that they are game to the core. This game will put the Dallas team into a little preliminary practice for team work that may stand them in hand when McMinnville high comes tomorrow. The Dallas high rooters are preparing to go across to the sister town and watch the work of their favorites and at the same time do the proper amount of boasting.

The Family Takes an Outing; More People Ought to Do This



Photo by American Press Association.

THIS man has the right idea. What's good enough for you is good enough for your children, although usually in this day the children generally get the best of it. He is W. G. McLeod, a Londoner, who hit upon the novel idea of joining his and his wife's bicycle, making a seat between them so as to take the child out for a spin. The machines are joined together by steel rods and aeroplane wire bracing, and a special steering apparatus is placed on the front wheels of each cycle.

Trained Animals Please Crowds

AL G. BARNES' CIRCUS MEETS APPROVAL OF PATRONS

Good Crowds Greet Actors at Both Performances; Intelligence of Trained Animals Remarkable.

The second appearance of the Al G. Barnes wild animal circus in Dallas on Tuesday was given a hearty welcome by those from country and city, and the visitation left no bad impression, so far as can be learned. The afternoon performance drew a large attendance from the country, and in the evening a few from the rural communities and a large number from the city filled the seats.

For this class of amusement the Barnes attraction is different from the ordinary show, having no acrobatic display except that done by the animals and clowns. With three rings and arenas filled with animals which are intelligent enough to do every human act but talk, the lovers of animal nature found an abundance of pleasure in the performance. Ladies

and gentlemen trainers held the elephants, lions, leopards, bears and sea lions at their mercy in the heavy steel arena and gave an exhibition of the higher beast power that has been a mystery to man. The educated sea lions, who were able to balance a basketball on the tip of the nose and then toss it to its mate who had no hands but caught the sphere and held it, tossed it back again and again, and finally tossed it to the trainer, who held the fish can, caused the basketball ball fans of the city to blush with envy, so "Castro" said. A young animal of the species applauded every act of the mates and made a hit with the audience.

The bands were well balanced, the parade was very fair, the company is made up of clean people for a circus organization, and the city officers had no trouble in taking care of the rough class who frequently follow a circus.

The train carrying the large aggregation of people and animals left the night of the performance for McMinnville, where they gave a performance on Wednesday. Yesterday they were scheduled for Forest Grove. The next three days will be passed at Portland.

PROMISE FINE PROGRAM

Young Women's Section of Dallas Woman's Club to Offer Interesting May-Day Festival at Armory.

The Young Woman's section of the Dallas Woman's club are busily engaged in rehearsing, making costumes, etc., for the May-Day festival, which they are to give in the Armory on the evening of May 1. On that occasion will be assembled much of the beauty and musical talent for which Dallas is famous. The state ceremony of crowning the May Queen, the Maypole dance, and many of the quaint old-world dances will be interspersed with delightful music from Downey's fine orchestra, vocal numbers by the Woman's Chorus of 40 well-trained voices, violin solos by Mrs. Holman of Salem, whose playing was so great a feature of the January Club concert, and vocal solos by Miss Bertha Serr, whose fine voice will be heard for the first time here in concert. This varied program is sure to appeal to the taste of everyone, and it is confidently expected that the Armory will be packed to greet these artists. Tickets 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for all children of school age. On sale by club members, at the drug stores, and at Carey Hayter's.

Miss Nola Coad, the May Queen, elected by popular ballot among the club girls, will sing to her subjects in the course of the ceremonies. Miss Hallie Coad is business manager, and is attending to all details of the affair. It is going to be an expensive entertainment to present, but the girls hope to clear enough to furnish their club kitchen at the Library building.

MRS. E. H. M'DOUGAL DEAD.

Polk County Lady Dies at Vancouver, Wash., After Long Illness.

Mrs. Layra McDougal died in Vancouver, Wash., April 21 of cancer, after an illness of two months' duration. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Dallas on Thursday, April 24, at 2 o'clock p. m., by Rev. D. Lester Fields, and interment took place in Dallas cemetery.

Miss Layra Dan was born in Packwaukee, Wis., Sept. 13, 1853. On June 16, 1872, she was united in marriage to Mr. C. A. McDougal, to which union three children were born, two boys, George and Frank, and one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Day.

Mr. McDougal died on Nov. 11, 1909. In June, 1911, she was united in marriage to Mr. E. H. McDougal, a cousin of her deceased husband. They came the following August to Oregon, and settled in Dallas, where she resided at the time of her death.

About two months ago she went to Vancouver for medical aid, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Chapel.

She leaves to mourn her death, a husband, Mr. E. H. McDougal of Dallas, Ore., two sons, Frank, of Endeavor, Wis., and George, of Packwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Elizabeth Day, of Vancouver, Wash., and one sister, of Vancouver, Mrs. W. Chapel.

Soon after her marriage to Mr. C. A. McDougal she united with the Presbyterian church, but later united with the Methodist church, of which she was a member at the time of her death.

Moves to Canada.

J. O. Hooker, lineman for the Oregon Power company for some time, left this week with his family for Lacombe, Canada, where they expect to make their future home.

16 HORSES BURN IN BARN BLAZE ON HOP RANCH

\$6000 DAMAGE FOLLOWS DESTRUCTION OF BARN AND CONTENTS ON HIRSCHBERG FARM.

ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN

Valuable Stallion and a Running Horse Burned; Fire of Wednesday Night Threatens Dwelling House, but Hard Work Saves It; Loss Is Partially Insured.

Loss of more than \$6000 resulted from a fire of unknown origin, starting about 10 o'clock on Wednesday night, which completely destroyed the large barn on the Hirschberg farm two miles north of Independence, together with all its contents, consisting of 16 head of horses, 13 tons of hay and several agricultural implements and farming tools. All of the contents of the barn was the property of C. A. McLaughlin, of Independence, who has had charge of the hop ranch for several years. Among the animals burned was a valuable stallion, and a notable running horse that had already secured some first places at former race meets and which had been entered at the state fair in Salem the coming fall. There was also a considerable quantity of grain contained in the barn. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Lover of Fine Horses.

C. A. McLaughlin has been in charge of the Hirschberg ranch, one of the largest hop farms in this section, for a number of years. Mr. McLaughlin is a lover of fine horses and among the number were other valuable animals. It is said that some of the implements were saved, but for the most part the building and contents are a total loss.

Hired Man in Charge.

Mr. McLaughlin, during the winter months, lives in his home at Independence, and the farm was in charge of a hired man when the fire broke out. Everything was done that could be in an effort to extinguish the flames, but the fire had gained such a start before it was discovered that all efforts to subdue the angry flames were of no avail. Fortunately the wind was in the right direction to prevent the total destruction of the large farm house and other buildings.

The manner in which the fire started is something of a mystery. The hired man finished the work around the barn before dark and it is said that no lantern nor light of any kind was used in the building last night. Some have advanced the theory that it might have been started by tramps who may have found night's lodging in the building, but as the farm is some distance from the main road this hardly seems possible, and the true origin of the fire will probably never become known.

Soon after the fire was discovered a telephone message was sent to Independence and in a brief time many citizens of that city were on the scene ready to render any assistance necessary, but it seemed that nothing could be done to prevent the total loss of the horses and other property, but they rendered valuable service in saving the house situated near the barn and the outbuildings.

JURY LIST FOR MAY TERM

Twenty-Seven Out of 31 Names Drawn are Sturdy Farmers.

Following is the jury list for the May term of the Polk county circuit court which convenes with Judge Kelley presiding in Dallas on Monday, May 12:

A. M. Tillery, Ballston, farmer; E. M. Smith, Dallas, retired; P. R. Alexander, Independence, merchant; A. P. Graham, Moomouth, liveryman; D. P. Stapleton, Independence, farmer; John Middleton, Dallas, farmer; C. S. Graves, Sheridan, farmer; C. E. Sawtelle, Willamina, farmer; Ezra Hart, Dallas, R. 1, farmer; Frank Windsor, Salem, R. 1, farmer; C. C. Gardner, Buena Vista, farmer; A. B. Gibson, Salem, farmer; A. J. Hall, Buena Vista, farmer; L. M. Simpson, Suver, farmer; J. W. Yost, Airle, farmer; Ira Mehring, Falls City, farmer; Van B. Sears, Ballston, farmer; W. T. Foster, Dallas, R. 2, farmer; Cass Riggs, Ricksall, farmer; Carl Stewart, McCoy, farmer; Percy Hadley, Airle, farmer; G. B. Gates, Dallas, farmer; R. C. DeArmond, Independence, farmer; G. A. Shields, McCoy, farmer; S. B. Walker, Independence, farmer; Frank Kerlake, Suver, farmer; Allen T. Clark, Moomouth, clerk; M. F. White, Ricksall, farmer; W. H. Murphy, Buena Vista, farmer; Geo. Heck, Moomouth, farmer.

LATE POLK COUNTY NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOODS RELATED IN ENTERTAINING MANNER.

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep in Touch With All Matters of Importance in Their Part of the Famous "Blue Ribbon" District of the State of Oregon.

FALLS CITY

Miss Gertrude Waters came up from California Wednesday to spend a portion of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waters, of this city.

M. G. Ellis returned to his work at the Dalles last Wednesday, Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. William Ellis accompanying him part of the way.

J. W. Taylor and family, of Mill City, are new residents of Falls City, they having moved into the Hinshaw house on South Main street last week. Mr. Taylor has employment with the Dallas Lumber and Logging company, at Black Rock.

Judge Teal and the two commissioners made a business visit to the city Thursday to take the measurement of the Ellis bridge and to inspect the county rock crusher, near town.

J. L. Wheeler, who has been living in Kansas for the last two years, returned to Falls City last week. He will make his home in or near Dallas in the future. He says he is Oregonian from now on.

S. M. Wiest, logging foreman for the Spaulding Logging company, of Black Rock, was seriously injured by falling off of a high trestle above Black Rock. He was taken to the Dallas hospital by special train Thursday night and word comes from there that he is getting along nicely.

The dance given by the Commercial club Friday night was well attended and all report a fine time. A special train from Dallas brought the orchestra and a number of others.

Miss Ella Mehring returned to her home in this city Monday, having finished her term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dodd are expected in Falls City in a few days, the children reached here this week, but Mr. and Mrs. Dodd stopped to visit relatives in Michigan for a short time. They expect to make their home here again.

S. M. Parks, of Black Rock, and Mrs. Kauffman, who is well known in this city, were married in Portland last week. They returned to Falls City Friday, and will make their home here.

Superintendent H. C. Seymour was a visitor here on business Friday.

G. H. Tinker, manager of the Benton County Growers' association, delivered an address before those interested in securing a cannery for Falls City Saturday night in Toller's hall, the meeting having been called by the Commercial club. Mr. Tinker advised not to establish a cannery this year, but offered a market for such produce as will be raised here.

H. E. Fouch received word Sunday that his mother was in a very poor state of health, and he left the same day for Traverse City, Michigan, where they live.

Miss Edna Seymour, the future bride of Barnett W. Brown, was the recipient of a shower of cooking utensils Tuesday night, when a large number of her friends gathered at the Seymour home and enjoyed a social evening together.

Frank Heydon came out from the Siletz Sunday and attended to business here and in Dallas this week.

Dr. M. L. Thompson took a party of circus-seers to Dallas Tuesday afternoon.

An excellent program was rendered at the silver medal contest Monday night. As large a crowd as the church could accommodate was present to lend its support. The judges, Messrs. S. G. W. Brentner, and A. J. Vick, awarded the medal to Miss Edith Harris. S. R. Skeels presented the medal in an impressive manner. The next contest will be for a gold medal. This will be held in the Methodist church, Monday evening, at which time a good program, both literary and musical, will be given. Mrs. I. G. Singleton will present the medal. An admission charge of 15 cents will be required; children under 10 years, free.

MONMOUTH

George Sebring, of California, a Polk county man, was in town Friday. He said there had been won-

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